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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 "E" St., S. W., Room 1149 Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 153X), Union Pacific Railroad Company

- Abandonment Exemption—In Monroe County, Iowa (Oskaloosa Subdivision from Milepost 312.1 near Eddyville to Milepost 322.9 near Maxon, a distance of 10.8 miles

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Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise that as of April 20, 2007, the Union Pacific Railroad Public Record Company ("UP"), with regard to the subject Petition for Exemption has consummated the abandonment for that portion of the Oskaloosa Subdivision between Milepost 315.0 near Eddyville to Milepost 322.9 near Maxon, IA, pursuant to authority granted in the Surface Transportation Board's ("Board") Decisions served September 1, 2000 and December 15, 2000.

The Board's Decisions in the above referenced matter imposed the following six conditions with regard to the abandonment of the Line: (1) Consult U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to starting salvage operations, (2) During salvage operations, UP shall avoid possible conversion of wetlands, make sure that erodible land is covered under an acceptable conservation plan, and contact NRCS District Conservationist, (3) Notify National Geodetic Survey prior to any salvage operations, (4) Consult with U. S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to starting salvage operation, (5) Public use condition, and (6) Trail use condition.

The UP responded that no certification was needed with regard to conditions (1), (2) and (4) in that the Line is outside the California Coastal Management's jurisdiction.

By letter dated February 12, 2001, UP ceased operations on the entire Line and UP consummated the abandonment for that portion of the Line between Milepost 312.1 to Milepost 315.0.

In the Board's Decision served May 24, 2001, the Board removed environmental conditions (1), (2) and (4) referenced above. involving (1) FWS, (2) NRCS and (4) U. S. Army CORPS. By consultation with the National Geodetic Survey prior to commencing salvage operations condition (5), the Public use condition expired on March 30, 2001. With regard to condition (6), after numerous trail use negotiating extensions, the lowa Trails Council informed the UP that it was unable to obtain funding and decided not to renew its request for a trail use past the March 30, 2007 deadline.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's further use and distribution.

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